

are not looked into, you will have to sell it for the iron. That would be the result. I have also got some money to recover from the place. I am also anxious. Being a very small shareholder I cannot give any effective voice.

President.—Nobody will come forward to take it on lease. Messrs. Best and Co., are in charge of the Mysore Tanneries. I wrote to them and they said they cannot undertake this. Then there was an idea of getting down the Mysore expert since he gave up his connections with the Mysore Tanneries. Further it is said that chrome tanning is not a paying concern. Bark tanning is a paying concern and this was Mr. Netto's proposal.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Who is this Mr. Netto?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—He is now in the leather trade in Madras.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is he the owner of any tanning business?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—He is carrying on leather business.

President.—Anyhow the committee thought that his proposals were worthy of consideration.

Investment of Government money.

161. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to supply the following particulars with regard to the various investments of Government moneys now pending to the credit of the Government:—

- (a) date of investment;
- (b) amount invested;
- (c) place of investment;
- (d) rate of interest and other important terms, if any;
- (e) date of repayment;
- (f) nature of the security, if any?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—A statement showing the particulars is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Contagious shed of the Trichur Municipality.

162. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to interpellations 1 to 6 regarding the contagious shed of the Trichur Municipality which were published in the Government Gazette, dated 9th Kanni 1102;

(b) whether they would be pleased to give accurate answers therefor;

(c) whether their attention has been drawn to an article regarding same in the "Suprabhatham" of the same date and if

so the nature of the allegations contained therein and whether there is any truth in the statement?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) The interpellations and the answers therefor are appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(c) No. If it relates to the condition of the contagious shed, the Member's attention is drawn to answer to b (3) in the appendix.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The allegations made against the contagious shed at Trichur is as follows:—
തളിവിണ്ടിയിൽ കയറി പുരയിൽ കൊണ്ടിട്ടാൽ കള്ളുകടിയൻ തോട്ടക്കാരനും രോഗിയുമാത്രം ശേഷിക്കും. തോട്ടക്കാരൻ രോഗി ക്കു കഞ്ഞിക്കുളള അരികു വരികിന്നും വാളക്കലെ മണ്ണെണ്ണക്കും വകവാങ്ങി അവന്റെ കടിയലേക്കു പോകും. രോഗിയെ നോക്കു നാണ്ടോ, വേണ്ടത കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നു അന്വേഷിച്ചാൽ ആ രൂമല്ല. രോഗിവെള്ളം കുടിക്കാതെ പൊരിഞ്ഞു നാററുകേട്ടുകൂടുന്ന കരക്കനെ ആട്ടിയും കിടന്നരിപ്പിച്ചു യമലോകം പ്രാപിക്കയും ചെയ്യും. ഇതാണ് ഈ വസൂരിപുരയുടെ ഏതൽ ചെയ്യുന്നമുള്ള ചരിത്രസംക്ഷേപം.

May I know why no explanation was called for from the authorities?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is under the management of the Municipal Council.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire whether the statements are true, and if so, whether they have taken the necessary action?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes, the decision was that the shed required improvements. It has already been brought to the notice of the Government.

President.—Serious allegations are made about the contagious shed at Trichur. But the Suprabhatam paper is not in existence.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It was published in the Gazette

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There were interpellations to the Chairman of the Municipal Council. In the Proceedings of the Council we published it in the Gazette also.

President.—These allegations were made in a certain paper and were of a very serious condemnatory nature. Your question is whether any action has been taken against the manager of the paper, is it not?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—No. My question is why no explanation was called for from the Inspector who was in charge of the shed.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I have asked the Chairman to make inquiries.

T. A. of officers who are empowered to fix their tour programme.

163. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of Travelling Allowance drawn by each of the officers who have power to fix the programme of their tours during the years 1102 and 1103?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement containing the information available is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

Grant of an extra allowance of Rs. 10 to the Head Accountant of the Excise Superintendent's Office.

164. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state for the information of the House :—

(a) whether an extra allowance of Rs. 10 per month is now given by the Excise Superintendent to the Head Accountant of his office against whom there has been and is still pending a serious charge of extraction and misappropriation of court-fee labels affixed to petitions received in the office;

(b) the caste to which this Head Accountant of the Excise Superintendent's Office belongs;

(c) the date on which the alleged misconduct of the said Head Accountant was brought to the notice of the Excise Superintendent;

(d) whether the extra work for which the above said allowance of Rs. 10 is now given does not involve considerable trust and responsibility; and

(e) why, in view of the seriousness of the charge referred to in (a), the Head Accountant of the Excise Superintendent's Office was entrusted with such work involving considerable trust and to extend to him the grant of the extra allowance particularly when the charge against him is pending disposal?

APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to Question No. 162.)

(b) (1) Is it a fact that a petition containing very serious allegations regarding the affairs in the contagious shed dated 24th Chingam 1102 signed by many of the leading citizens of Trichur and addressed to the Chairman in Council was placed before the Council only in the month of Mithunam in spite of two reminders?

(2) Has the attention of the Chairman been drawn to the following lines appearing in the Suprabadham paper?

തള്ളിവണ്ടിയിൽ കയറാറി പുരയിൽ കൊണ്ടിട്ടാൽ കള്ളുകടിയൻ തോട്ടക്കാരനും രോഗിയും മാത്രം ശേഷിക്കും. തോട്ടക്കാരൻ രോഗിയെ കഞ്ഞിക്കുളള താരികും വിറകിനും വിളക്കിലെ മണ്ണുണ്ണയും വകവാങ്ങി അവന്റെ കടിയിലേക്കുപോകും. രോഗിയെ നോക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ, വേണ്ടത കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നുനോക്കിപ്പാൻ ആരുമില്ല. രോഗി വെള്ളം കുടിക്കാതെ പൊരിഞ്ഞു നാറും കേട്ടുകുടുന്ന കറക്കനെ ആട്ടിയും കിടന്നരിപ്പിച്ചു യമലോകം പ്രാപിക്കയും ചെയ്യും. ഇതാണ് ഈ വസ്തുതി പുരയുടെ ഏതൽ പയ്യനമുള്ള ചരിത്രസംക്ഷേപം.

(3) Will the Chairman be pleased to state how far the above statements are true?

(4) Is it a fact that the petitioners were given a reply as follows.—

"It is under the consideration of the Council". If the answer to the above be in the affirmative, will the Chairman be pleased to state (a) on what date was this reply given, (b) in which meeting was the petition considered by the Council, (c) what was the decision of the Council?

(5) I find in the file the following remarks of the Chairman:—"Some sort of efficient supervision is necessary over the working of the shed. The existing condition is very discreditable and even inhuman". Will the Chairman be pleased to state what new steps he has taken to remedy the matter?

(6) Will the Chairman be pleased to state:—

(a) whether he asked for an explanation from the Inspector in charge of the shed regarding the discreditable and inhuman condition prevailing in the shed? If the answer be in the affirmative, what is the explanation of the Sanitary Inspector for not having exercised efficient supervision over the working of the shed?

(b) 1. Yes a petition relating to the shed was considered by the Council.

(2) Yes, from the cutting which had accompanied the petition dated 25th Vrischigam 1101.

(3) From the remarks of the Chairman on the petition it has to be presumed that the shed required improvements.

(4) Yes. (a) 1—2—01, (b) 26—11—01.

(c) The decision was that the shed required improvements.

(5) The reconstruction of the shed on up-to-date lines.

(6) The records do not disclose any explanation having been called for.